



# Hartman Public School

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## January 2014



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Happy New Year!

We would like to welcome back all Hartman families, students and staff to new calendar year! Wow - 2014 already!

Along with our academic goals, we are continuing our focus on the big idea of "Growing Together" with activities that promote healthy, community-minded and environmentally friendly activities. This was reflected in December as students organized a winter clothing and toy drive in collaboration with York Region Police. Thanks to the generosity of so many, we were able to fill many boxes and, for sure, many hearts over the holidays.

Our Hartman staff continues to change and grow. Please join us in welcoming Wayne Taylor back to our caretaking team. We wish Ryan Grant continued success and thank him for the work he has done at Hartman this year.

The beginning of a calendar year is a time when many are engaged in reflecting on the year gone by and setting goals for the New Year! At Hartman we continue to refine our practices, and develop effective strategies. Our staff remains committed to student achievement and well-being and have high expectations for all students. Students will be receiving their first term report cards on February 12<sup>th</sup> and will also be involved in reflection and goal setting. There is no formal interview process as there is with the Progress Report; however, the staff members at Hartman are committed to maintaining a strong partnership with parents and welcome your participation in your child's education.

In this regard, a strong partnership between home and school remains essential. Effective communities unite in supporting student learning and exist when we work together toward a common goal. We invite you to attend the January School Council meeting on Wednesday Jan. 22nd from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. We encourage families to join us to learn more about Hartman and how we can work together in support of improved achievement for all our students. School Council is planning some information nights to support parents' understanding of technology for learning including practice on some of the electronic resources available to all students and their families. Stay tuned for more details.

Finally, on behalf of all staff, we would like to wish all the families in the Hartman school community a happy and healthy New Year.

We are looking forward to another successful year in 2013.

Your partners in education,

Tim Dunn and Lorraine Doran

# Growing Together @ Hartman

## Eco and Healthy Schools

### I-Walk to School

Congratulations to Mr. Carvalho, Ms. Mayer, Ms. Grant, Ms. Scrimes, and Ms. Cornish-Martins classes for winning the "GOLDEN SHOE AWARD" in December!

JANUARY'S "I-Walk" theme is "POLAR BEAR WALK".

- SPARE THE AIR...
- SAVE A BEAR...
- WALK TO SCHOOL.



Brrrr! It's cold outside! January is a great time to raise awareness about the relationship between walking and the environment; more specifically global warming and polar bears! The theme for your "Walking Wednesday" this month will be Polar Bear Walk. As a school, we will be adopting a polar bear and have students name him or her. Throughout the month, we will be promoting awareness about how using active transportation to get to school positively impacts the environment. We will read polar bear and environment trivia facts on the morning announcements and create posters and artwork to raise awareness.

Have your child bring their own plush polar bear on ALL Walking Wednesdays this month. Students will walk to school with polar bears that they can make or bring from home.

## The Green Bins are Here!

Thanks to Mrs. Shillolo's grade 3 class and the caretakers for organizing the class green bins. We are very excited to see how much garbage we can divert to the green bins in the new year!



## Upcoming Eco Events:

National Sweater Day - Feb. 6

Earth Hour at Hartman -Mar. 28

Earth Hour around the world - Mar. 29 (8:30 - 9:30 pm)

## Safe Schools Information



Buzzer at Front Door

Last December, the Government of Ontario announced funding to support elementary schools to lock their front doors during the school day. We have recently been equipped with a front door camera, monitor, intercom and buzzer locking systems.

Beginning February 3, all school doors, including the front doors and doors to portables, will be locked 15 minutes after the morning entry bell. The doors will remain locked for the rest of the day. Anyone arriving at the school after that time must buzz in and sign in at the main office.

Measures will also be put in place for parents/guardians to buzz in and pick up students participating in before and after school programs. More detailed information will be available in January. Measures will also be put in place to lock portable doors.

Our school continues to be a safe place where parent and community member involvement is welcomed and encouraged. This additional step will enhance the measures we already have in place, and ensure that all visitors sign in at the main office upon arrival.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

This year, Kindergarten Registration will commence on **January 17, 2014**. Hartman offers Full Day/Every Day Kindergarten. This means that children attend for the length of the school day, every day from Monday to Friday, in accordance with the school year calendar. Registration forms are available on the Board's website: [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca). Children who turn four or five years old during 2014, live within the school boundary and whose parents are Public School Tax Supporters are eligible to register for kindergarten. A Kindergarten Information session for parents is being planned for this Spring.



### WINTER ELECTIVES

Hartman students in grades 1-8 will be participating in the annual winter sports Electives on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. All registration forms are due this FRIDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup>. While some options are now full such as: Primary- #2 Skating and Trampoline ; Junior/Intermediate #1 Lazer Tag and Mini Golf, #4 Bowling and Lazer Tag, the remaining options are still available. Students going to Snow Valley or Airborne Trampoline will be given a waiver this week which must be signed and returned to school before Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Also if you know your child is going to be away on January 30<sup>th</sup>, and therefore not participating in the Sports Elective, please send the form back indicating this along with the \$3.00 for the Arts Day on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Finally we appreciate all the parents and guardians who have volunteered to help out on January 30<sup>th</sup>, and we will be contacting you soon.





**On behalf of  
the students  
and staff at  
Hartman  
Public School,  
thank you so  
much to our  
community for  
your generous  
donations!**

## **DRESSING FOR WEATHER**

Winter has arrived full force. Please ensure that your children are prepared for the winter weather when coming to school- especially with hats, warm mittens and snowpants. **Supervision during the recesses is outdoors; it is expected that if a child is well enough to come to school, that they are well enough to go out for recess.)** Bringing an extra pair of mittens, socks and a hat is a good idea as snow play often creates very wet children and outdoor clothes don't always have time to dry thoroughly between recesses. As well, please ensure that your child has indoor shoes to wear. This is necessary both for comfort and safety as children must have dry footwear on at all times. Please be sure to listen to the radio (or watch television news in the morning) to be sure children are prepared for the changing weather.



We do monitor the temperature and the wind chill and will shorten recess or have indoor recesses when the temperature reaches a dangerously cold level. You can find out more about these temperatures by visiting our website at <http://www.hartman.ps.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/>



## **LUNCH ASSISTANTS WANTED**

We are in need of lunch assistants on a casual basis. This paid position is available to members of the Hartman school community. If you are interested in an on-call position, please visit the school office for more details.

## **MOVING?**

If your child currently attends Hartman, but you anticipate moving between now and the next school year, please let the office know. It may seem early, but we are already working on plans for organization and staffing next year.



# WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME DUE TO ILLNESS

Contagious illnesses in schools are usually passed from child to child by droplets suspended in the air from coughing and sneezing or direct contact with objects that have those droplets deposited on them. It is virtually impossible to keep a child from coughing or sneezing on other kids or and handling toys before his hands can be washed; that's why preventing the spread of childhood illness should start at home before the illness goes too far.

Medical reports clearly state that children should not be kept home from school for mild respiratory illnesses such as head colds without fever or a productive cough. However, you should use the following "guidelines" to judge the difference between mild and more severe illnesses.

You should not send your child to school if he or she:

- Has a fever
- Had diarrhea in the past twelve hours
- Has vomited in the past 24 hours
- Complains of constant stomach pains or walks stooped over and holding his stomach
- Has pinkness or redness in the whites of eyes with crusting or drainage of yellow or green pus
- Has a change in behaviour or doesn't act "normal"



There are many other signs of illness in children that we have not covered. Our advice is simply to use common sense in deciding whether your child acts "normal enough" to send him or her to school.

Since you know your child's normal appetite, how energetic he is, and how he or she ordinarily "looks" when not sick, you are the best judge of when to keep them home.

We trust that all parents will want to avoid spreading illness throughout the school population. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Adapted from drhuggiebear.com

## Le département de français :

L'école Hartman a commencé un consul de français. Il y a six étudiants dans le consul de français : un président, deux sous-présidents, une trésorier, une secrétaire, et un étudiant qui fait la technologie. Le consul de français fait des planifications pour les activités en français, comme le Carnaval. Tous les membres dans le consul de français sont les chefs français de l'école Hartman. Nous rencontrons chaque mardi pendant la récréation de déjeuner (à 13h10).

~ Monsieur Séto et Madame Jackson ~



## From the French Department:

Hartman Public School has started a French council committee, which consists of six students in grades 6 to 8. These leaders of the school help plan French activities (like the French Carnaval). Their roles include president, vice-presidents, treasurer, secretary, and technology. We meet every Tuesday lunch recess.

~ Monsieur Séto et Madame Jackson ~

## Respecting the School Day

Research shows that attendance at school has a high impact on student achievement. Students who miss time due to late arrivals and early departures are missing valuable time at school. Please help us to continue to improve student success at school by assisting with on time arrivals and avoiding early pick-up whenever possible.



## French Immersion

### Registration/Information

SK parents are invited to attend an the French Immersion Parent Information Evening being held at Aurora Grove Public School on Thursday, January 16, 2014 from 6:30 – 7:30pm.

Registration for Grade 1 French Immersion begins Friday, January 17, 2014.

## What's Happening @ Hartman

Student success and well-being continue to be our most important goal at Hartman., We engage our students in activities that speak to a wide variety of interests. Right now, the following activities are offered:





- Junior Volleyball
- Intermediate Basketball
- Girls Inc (gr. 3)
- Drama/Dance
- Orff Ensemble (grades 5 – 8)
- Safety Patrollers
- Lunch Monitors
- Tech team
- 1,2,3 Singers (for primary)
- Choir (Junior/intermediate)
- Peace Tree Club (promoting positive school climate)
- Milk Monitors
- Healthy Schools Committee
- Art Team
- Eco Club and Garden Team
- French Council
- Math Club
- Lego Robotics





# JANUARY 2014



M	T	W	T	F
6	7	8	9	10 Pizza Lunch 
13	14	15	16 Gr 8. Information night at G.W.Williams  French Immersion Information Night	17 PA DAY NO SCHOOL
20	21	22 Council Meeting 6:30-8:30 pm Library	23	24 Pizza Lunch 
27	28 JK/SK Electives  Jr. Author Visit	29 Int. Author Visit	30 Gr 1-8 Electives 	31 Pizza Lunch  GNA Assembly 11:10 am 

## UPCOMING DATES

- Jan. 14, 21, 28 - Girls Inc presentations (grade 3)
- Jan. 16 - Grade 8 info night at Williams
- Jan 17 - PA Day
- Jan. 28 - Jr Author - Liam O'Donnell (am)
- Jan 28 - Kg Sports Electives Day
- Jan. 29 - Int. Author - William Bell (am)
- Jan. 30 - Sports Electives Day
- Feb. 3 - Grade 9 course registrations due
- Feb. 4 - Grad Photos
- Feb. 12 - First Term Report Cards go home
- Feb. 21 - Bogart Drummers performance
- Feb. 24 - 28 - le carnaval de Quebec
- Mar. 5 - Primary Author - Lana Button (am)
- Mar. 9 - PA Day
- Mar. 10 - 14 - March Break - holiday



**The York Region District School Board  
And  
Early Intervention Services**

**Invite**

Parents of children with special needs to attend Information Meetings

- regarding the transition to school for students
- registering for kindergarten for September 2014

Date: January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. (snow date: January 29<sup>nd</sup>, 2014)  
Location: Centre for Leadership and Learning  
Address: 300 Harry Walker Parkway South, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 8E2  
Phone: 905-727-3141

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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION begins JANUARY 17, 2014  
REMEMBER to REGISTER at YOUR CHILD'S HOME SCHOOL

Documentation Required: Proof of child's age (Birth Certificate/Passport) and  
Proof of residency

